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INVENTORY MANAGEMENT APPARATUS,  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 23, 2007 (Paper No. 20071031). Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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